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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Docket No. 1560-0362P	
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Art Unit 3623					
Applicant(s): Kazuo HIGASHI et al.					
Invention: REMUNERATION CALCULATING METHOD, REMUNERATION CALCULATING APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER MEMORY PRODUCT					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Independent Claims	3	- 3 =		x	
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-25, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.